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FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE—
400 YEARS AGO, THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF A PIRATE ATTACK WAS WASHED UP ON A REMOTE BENGALI BEACH--FOUND BY FRIENDLY PYGMIES-

HE SWORE THE OATH OF THE SKULL--THIS WAS THE FIRST PHANTOM—
TO FIGHT CRUELTY-INJUSTICE AND PIRACY--AND MY SONS SHALL FOLLOW ME—

PHANTOM—GHOST WHO WALKS--CANNOT DIE--
HIS DESCENDANTS FOLLOWED--JUNGLE-FOLK, THINKING THEM THE SAME MAN, BELIEVE HIM IMMORTAL!

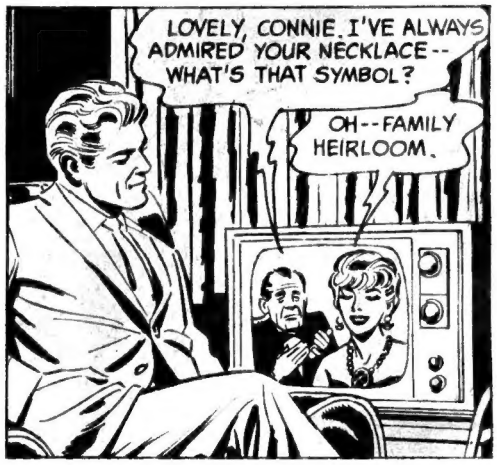
--THE NEMESIS OF EVILDOERS EVERYWHERE--FEARED AND LOVED--HE WORKS ALONE--THE PHANTOM!

THE PHANTOM HAS TWO MARKS--ONE, THE SKULL MARK--DELIVERED BY HIS HARD RIGHT FIST--

--KNOWN AND FEARED BY EVILDOERS EVERYWHERE--
IT (GULP) WON'T COME OFF!

--SECOND--THE GOOD MARK! WHATEVER BEARS THIS IS UNDER PHANTOM PROTECTION--APPEARING IN MANY PLACES--A JUNGLE HOSPITAL--

--EVEN ON A PRETTY YOUNG TV SINGING STAR NAMED CONNIE LOU!


LOVELY, CONNIE. I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR NECKLACE--WHAT'S THAT SYMBOL?
OH--FAMILY HEIRLOOM.

CONNIE LOU.
WHAT DOES THAT SYMBOL MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW, STACY. HAD IT SINCE I WAS A CHILD.
YEA!

GRANDPA HAD THE SAME MARK TATTOOED ON HIS ARM!
ALWAYS WEAR THIS, CONNIE LOU. IT'S GOOD LUCK—

AND IF YOU EVER NEED HELP, CALL THE PHANTOM. HE'LL FIND YOU--
PHANTOM?

IF YOU EVER NEED HELP, CALL THE PHANTOM.
WHAT DID YOUR GRANDPA MEAN BY THAT, CONNIE LOU?
I'M NOT SURE, STACY--

GRANDPA WAS A WORLD TRAVELER-- HE TOLD ME ALL SORTS OF STORIES.
--ONE DAY IN THE JUNGLE-- I SAW THIS MASKED MAN-
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"--TIED UP-- ABOUT TO BE TORTURED! I SHOT THE RUFFIANS!"

HE PUT THIS MARK ON ME--
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IF YOU-- OR YOUR DESCENDANTS NEED HELP-- CALL THE PHANTOM-- I WILL FIND YOU!

WHAT A STORY-- "IF YOU NEED HELP, CALL THE PHANTOM!"
STACY, TIME FOR A LITTLE TALK!
DON'T YOU THINK TWO YEARS IS LONG ENOUGH FOR AN ENGAGEMENT?
BETTER CALL. YOU'LL NEED IT RIGHT NOW!

CONNIE LOU, YOU'RE A TV STAR. I'VE GOT TO HIT IT BIG BEFORE WE CAN MARRY.
BY SPENDING YOUR LIFE HUNTING LOST TREASURE?

YOU'RE A GRADUATE LAWYER. WHY NOT WORK AT IT?
TOO DULL! I'VE LOCATED A BIG ONE! WE'RE GOING THERE NOW!

STACY, ISN'T IT TIME YOU STOPPED HUNTING LOST TREASURES AND WENT TO WORK?
I'D DIE OF BOREDOM IN A LAW OFFICE.

IT'D TAKE ME YEARS TO MAKE IT AS A LAWYER-- BUT IN ONE WEEK I'LL HAVE IT MADE OUT THERE!

-IN THE BAY?
I THINK THERE'S GOLD OUT THERE!--
NEAR DEADMAN'S POINT!
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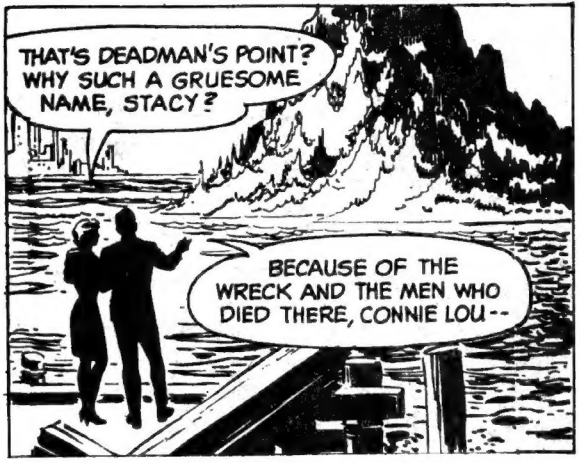
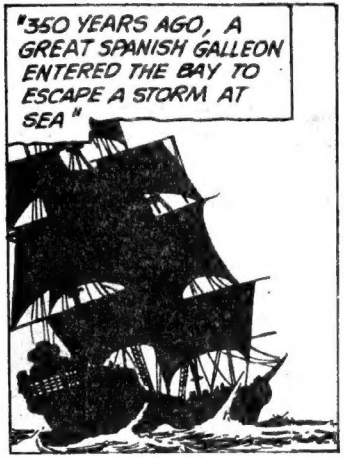
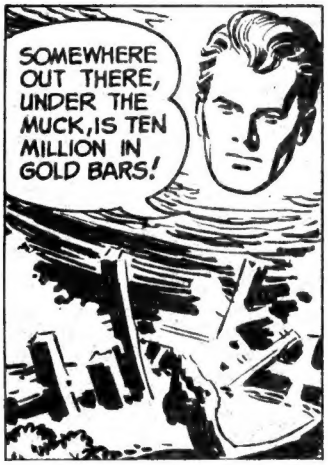

THAT'S DEADMAN'S POINT? WHY SUCH A GRUESOME NAME, STACY?
BECAUSE OF THE WRECK AND THE MEN WHO DIED THERE, CONNIE LOU--


"350 YEARS AGO, A GREAT SPANISH GALLEON ENTERED THE BAY TO ESCAPE A STORM AT SEA"

"THEIR ENEMIES OF THE TIME, THE DUTCH, OPENED FIRE FROM SHORE BATTERIES"

THE SHIP SANK, WITH TEN MILLION IN GOLD BARS -- RIGHT OVER THERE!


SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, UNDER THE MUCK, IS TEN MILLION IN GOLD BARS!

STACY, A SIMPLE QUESTION-HOW DO YOU KNOW?
I WAS IN SPAIN, SEARCHING LIBRARIES FOR TREASURE CLUES!

"I FOUND THE ACCOUNT IN A FADED MANUSCRIPT-- THE BATTLE, THE WRECK, LOST TREASURE."

--NEVER SEEN AGAIN-- NEAR DEADMAN'S POINT!
DEADMAN'S POINT?

SURELY, IN 350 YEARS, SOMEONE FOUND THAT GOLD, STACY--
I DOUBT IT, CONNIE. NEVER REPORTED--

BESIDES-IT WAS TOO DEEP-TOUGH CURRENTS-FOR THE OLD DIVING EQUIPMENT. BUT NOW WE CAN DO IT--

DEADMAN'S POINT-- IT'S ALL WAITING FOR US!
MAD STACY- ALWAYS CHASING RAINBOWS. EASIER (SIGH) THAN WORKING-

ALL I COULD HEAR WAS SOMETHING ABOUT "DEADMAN'S POINT"!
I CAN FOLLOW THEM. OKAY, BOSS!

SLEEP TIGHT, CONNIE LOU. TALK TO YOU TOMORROW.
I'LL HAVE NIGHTMARES ABOUT DEADMAN'S POINT!

IT SOUNDS SO SCARY! STACY'S BEEN DIVING FOR "LOST TREASURE" FOR AGES--AND NEVER FINDING IT--

NOW I FEEL LIKE YELLING, "PHANTOM-HELP," BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY--

WANT TO TALK TO YOU, MISTER, ABOUT DEADMAN'S POINT.
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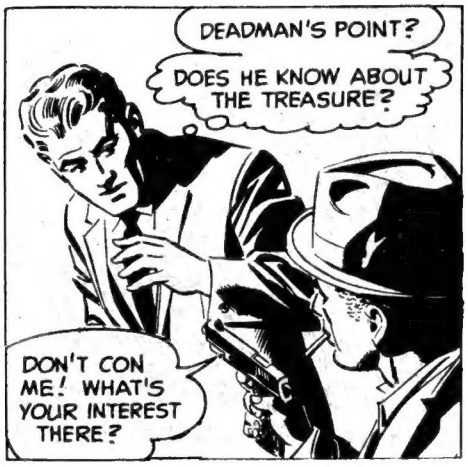
DEADMAN'S POINT?
DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THE TREASURE?
DON'T CON ME! WHAT'S YOUR INTEREST THERE?

MY INTEREST? WELL— WHAT'S YOUR INTEREST IN MY INTEREST?
ASK HER.
HUH? ASK WHO?

WAIT, YOU--GONE!
I'D BETTER WORK FAST!

I WANT MY DIVING EQUIPMENT AND BOAT READY AT DAWN. YEAH--RUSH JOB!

BLAST--IS THAT MAC CALLING TO SAY THE BOAT WON'T BE READY?
RINNGG

STAY AWAY FROM DEADMAN'S POINT, OR YOU'RE A DEAD MAN! GOT THE POINT? HAR-HAR--
(CLICK)

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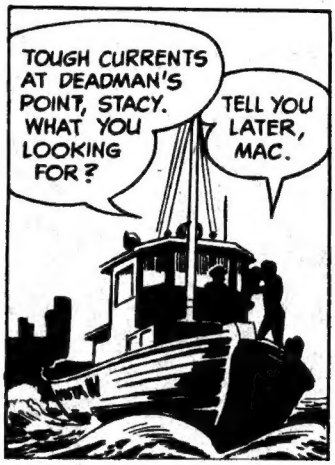
WHAT'S THE MYSTERY OF DEADMAN'S POINT?

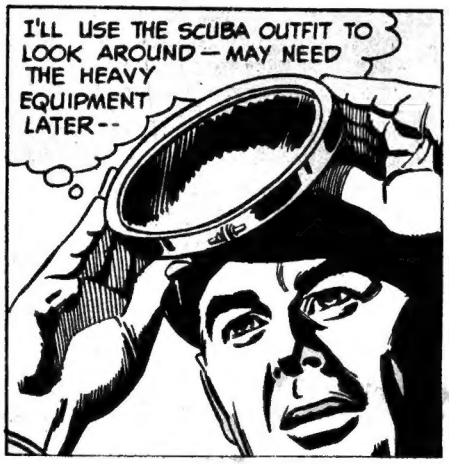
WHAT'S YOUR INTEREST IN DEADMAN'S POINT?
STACY-TREASURE-HUNTER--
STAY AWAY FROM DEADMAN'S POINT, OR YOU'RE A DEAD MAN! HAR HAR-

SOMEONE ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THAT LOST TREASURE --TRYING TO SCARE ME OFF-- SOUND LIKE GANGSTERS-

CAN'T TELL CONNIE LOU ABOUT THIS-- IT'D SCARE HER-- I'LL LEAVE A NOTE-- JUST IN CASE--

Connie Lou-
Someone else knows about it- if I don't come back-- look there-- you know where


TOUGH CURRENTS AT DEADMAN'S POINT, STACY. WHAT YOU LOOKING FOR?
TELL YOU LATER, MAC.


I'LL USE THE SCUBA OUTFIT TO LOOK AROUND — MAY NEED THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT LATER--

IT'S HIM, HEADED FOR THE POINT-- THE FOOL--
TALK & BARRY

HE WAS WARNED. HE'S ASKING FOR IT!
HE'LL GET IT!
WHO ARE THESE MEN?

THAT'S DEADMAN'S POINT. THIS IS THE PLACE, MAC.
I'LL MARK IT WITH THIS BUOY.

IF I FIND WHAT I THINK'S DOWN THERE, WE'LL BOTH BE RICH.
THAT'LL BE THE DAY, STACY!

BURIED SPANISH TREASURE!

MORE FOOLS OUT AT DAWN. WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR?
YOU, MAC!

LOOK OUT, YOU CLUMSY IDIOTS! WHAT'S THE IDEA?!
BUMP!

THIS IS THE IDEA! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
FOR WHAT?
UH, FRIEND OF MINE, DIVING--

ER--JUST DIVING--UH-
YEAH?

FAR BELOW--UNAWARE OF TROUBLE ABOVE--STACY--TREASURE-HUNTER

DO WE DUMP THIS GUY?
NO. BOSS'LL WANT TO TALK TO HIM TOO!

CAN YOU SEE THE OTHER GUY DOWN THERE?
NO. HE'S TOO DEEP.

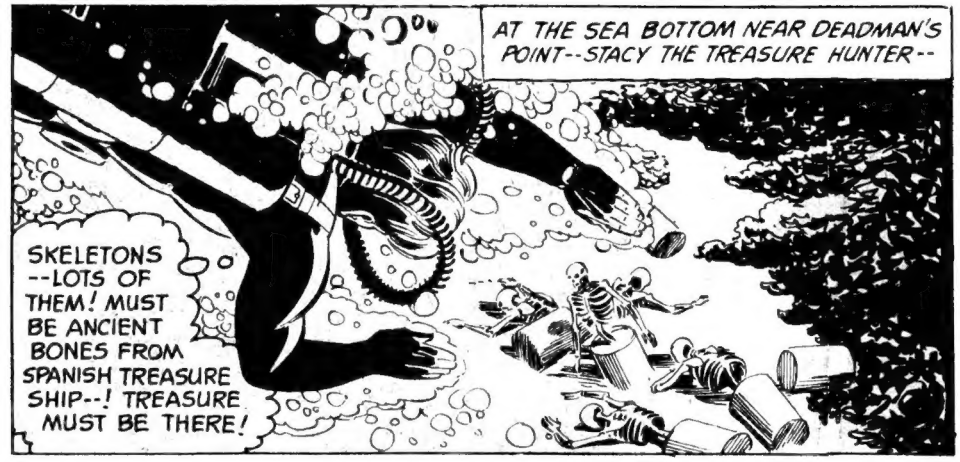
NEAR THE BOTTOM, THE "OTHER GUY" --STACY-
WHAT'S THAT?

FALK & BARRY 7/14

SHOULD WE BURN THEIR BOAT?
NNAW— THE COAST GUARD'D SPOT IT--WE'LL BEACH IT.

HE'S STILL TOO DEEP TO SEE--BUT HE'S GOT TO COME UP SOMETIME--
WHEN HE DOES--WE'RE HERE!

AT THE BOTTOM--STACY THE TREASURE-HUNTER!
WHAT—IS THAT?!


AT THE SEA BOTTOM NEAR DEADMAN'S POINT--STACY THE TREASURE HUNTER--
SKELETONS --LOTS OF THEM! MUST BE ANCIENT BONES FROM SPANISH TREASURE SHIP--! TREASURE MUST BE THERE!

OXYGEN LOW-- NEED FRESH TANK --COME BACK FOR CLOSER LOOK-- AND SEARCH!

HERE HE COMES, BOYS! READY!

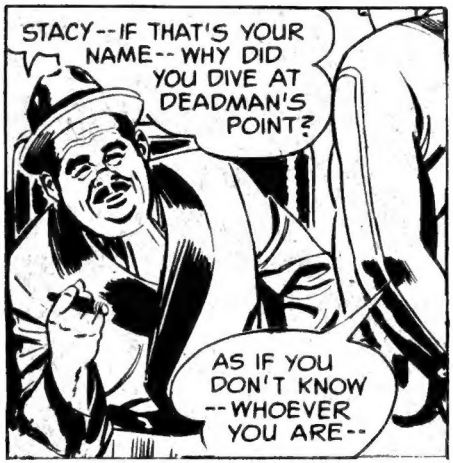
STACY-- TREASURE HUNTER.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MAC'S BOAT— THE VISTA. BUT THAT'S MY MARKER--

MAC, WHAT DO YOU THINK I SAW-- UH!
TELL US ALL ABOUT IT!

UH— WHAT IS THIS— WHERE'S MAC—AND HIS BOAT?
BUTTON UP, DIVER. WE'LL ASK THE QUESTIONS!

WHERE ARE YOU-- UH!
SHADDUP!

IF I EVER GET MY HANDS LOOSE!
SURE, HERO, WE KNOW-- GET IN THERE!


STACY--IF THAT'S YOUR NAME--WHY DID YOU DIVE AT DEADMAN'S POINT?
AS IF YOU DON'T KNOW --WHOEVER YOU ARE--

TALK NICE WHEN THE BOSS ASKS!
UH— FOR OLD SPANISH TREASURE--
YEAH? FIND ANY?

NO--BUT I SAW OLD BONES OF THE SPANISH CREW.
SPANISH CREW? HOHO
HAR HAR HO HO--
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

THE GARDEN OF DIANA PALMER--
--COAST GUARD MYSTIFIED BY STRANDED CHARTER BOAT VISTA IV, FOUND TODAY (CLICK)
MUST YOU GO TODAY?

YES, BACK TO THE DEEP WOODS- I'VE BEEN AWAY A LONG TIME, DIANA.
WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU--

LET'S SAY GOOD-BYE HERE, DIANA. I WANT TO REMEMBER YOU IN THIS GARDEN, RATHER THAN AT A NOISY AIRPORT-

GONE--SO QUICKLY--AS THOUGH HE'D NEVER BEEN HERE! COME BACK SOON--PLEASE--

?
VISTA IV

--COAST GUARD STILL CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR STRANDED CHARTER BOAT VISTA IV, FOUND TODAY--
STACY USED THAT BOAT!

CONNIE LOU. I'LL TALK TO YOU TOMORROW!
THE LAST THING HE SAID LAST NIGHT--

RINNGGG!
PLEASE BE THERE, STACY --PLEASE

NO HINT OF FOUL PLAY--SEARCHING FOR THE OWNER NOW--BY THE WAY--SAW YOU ON TV, MISS CONNIE LOU--YOU'RE GREAT--
THANKS.

--TRY THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU. SAY— MY WIFE AND I NEVER MISS YOUR TV SHOW, CONNIE LOU.
THANKS.

NOBODY KNOWS ANYTHING! STACY WOULDN'T LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING ME. MAYBE HE LEFT A NOTE--

HE DID--!
Connie Lou— Someone else knows about it. If I don't come back — look there. You know where--

Connie Lou— Someone else knows about it— if I don't come back — look there. You know where—
SHALL I GO TO THE POLICE?

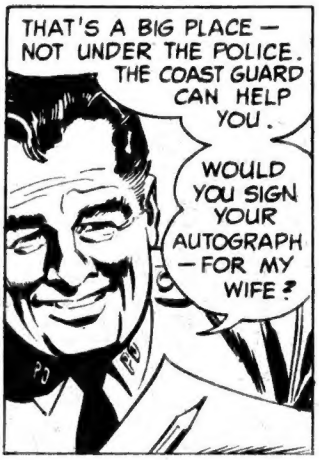
STACY'LL BE FURIOUS IF I TELL ABOUT THE TREASURE— SOMETHING HAPPENED— WHAT'LL I DO?

IF YOU'RE EVER IN BAD TROUBLE, CONNIE LOU, CALL THE PHANTOM — HE'LL FIND YOU.

PHANTOM—? IS THERE SUCH A PERSON? WHEREVER YOU ARE—I NEED YOU NOW!

YOUR FIANCÉ WAS ON THAT STRANDED BOAT, MISS CONNIE LOU? FISHING?
ER, NO, TREASURE HUNTING.

REALLY? WHERE?
STACY'LL BE FURIOUS IF I TELL ANYONE WHERE THE TREASURE IS.
SOME-WHERE ON THE SOUND—


THAT'S A BIG PLACE— NOT UNDER THE POLICE. THE COAST GUARD CAN HELP YOU.
WOULD YOU SIGN YOUR AUTOGRAPH —FOR MY WIFE?

MEANWHILE, STACY—
LOOKING FOR TREASURE AT DEADMAN'S POINT? MAN— THAT'S A GOOD ONE.
WHAT'S SO BLASTED FUNNY?

FIVE MINUTES, CONNIE LOU.
I KNOW.
TV STAR CONNIE SAYS FIAN

POLICE— COAST GUARD— NOBODY'LL BELIEVE ME UNLESS I TELL THEM ABOUT THE TREASURE. IF THERE ONLY WAS A PHANTOM I COULD CALL—!

CONNIE LOU YOUR GIRL? LUCKY MAN! WHAT DOES SHE KNOW ABOUT THE "HIDDEN TREASURE"?
NOTHING!

SEE WHAT SHE KNOWS. NO ROUGH STUFF— UNLESS NECESSARY—
CHECK, BOSS.
LEAVE HER ALONE!

QUIET-SHOW ON AIR
YOU CAN'T GO IN NOW. YOU CAN WATCH THE SHOW THERE.
OK.

THAT CONNIE LOU— GREAT.
LOVELY.

COFFEE?
YES, PLEASE-
THAT NECKLACE?

YES—IT IS—MY MARK.
DOWN IN FRONT.

ON MILLIONS OF TV SETS, ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, TV STAR CONNIE LOU.

THANKS, CONNIE LOU! NOW THE USUAL GOOD NIGHT TO OUR COAST-TO-COAST AUDIENCE?
YES (GULP) GOOD NIGHT, ALL, AND

PHANTOM—WHO-EVER YOU ARE—WHEREVER YOU ARE—I NEED YOU. HELP!
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THE SINGING STAR, CONNIE LOU -ON HER TV NETWORK PROGRAM-
?
PHANTOM, WHO-EVER YOU ARE—WHEREVER YOU ARE—I NEED YOU. HELP!

-FROM COAST TO COAST!
WHEREVER YOU ARE—HELP!

WHEREVER YOU ARE—HELP!

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
WHAT DID SHE SAY?

THE BIT ABOUT THE-ER-PHANTOM-SOMETHING NEW?
JUST AN OLD FAMILY JOKE-ER-GOOD NIGHT, ALL.
WBXO

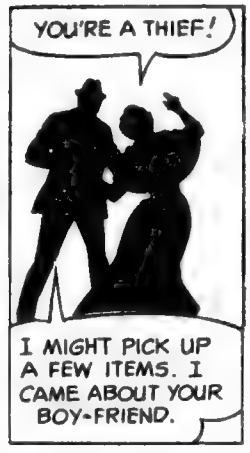
AND SO UNTIL NEXT WEEK-THE CONNIE LOU SHOW SAYS GOOD NIGHT.

I WAS A FOOL-CALLING FOR "PHANTOM" ON MY TV SHOW-BUT EVERYONE THINKS IT'S A JOKE-

QUIET!
!

HOW DID YOU-GET IN HERE?
WE'VE GOT KEYS, KID.

ARE YOU-THE PHANTOM?
HUH? NO CRAZY TALK-NO SCREAMING AND YOU WON'T GET HURT-


YOU'RE A THIEF!
I MIGHT PICK UP A FEW ITEMS. I CAME ABOUT YOUR BOY-FRIEND.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WHERE HE WENT?
OH-THAT-I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING-!

WHERE'S STACY? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH HIM?
I ASK THE QUESTIONS, KID. NOW--

HELP!

I TOLD YOU NO SCREAMING! NOW I HAVE TO GET ROUGH WITH YOU!

DO YOU?
!?

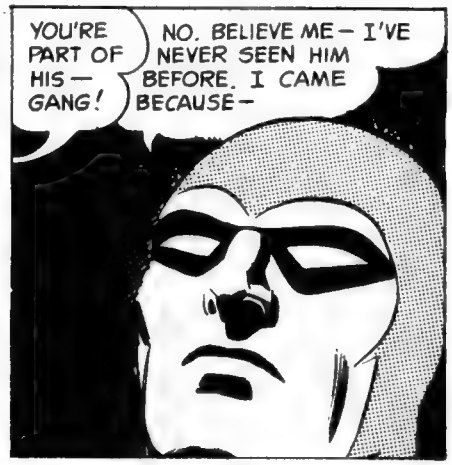
UH UH UH-
?!

THE POWERFUL ARM WHIRLS THE HOOD ABOUT-
!

WHAM!

WHO - ARE YOU?!

TV STAR CONNIE LOU AND THE STRANGER!
WHO ARE YOU?
YOU NEED NOT BE AFRAID, CONNIE LOU.


YOU'RE PART OF HIS — GANG!
NO. BELIEVE ME - I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE. I CAME BECAUSE -

- YOU CALLED ME.
— THE PHANTOM?

PHANTOM - ? IS THERE REALLY SUCH A PERSON?
DID YOU DOUBT IT? WHY DID YOU CALL ME?

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A STORY — HOW CAN I BE SURE? IT'S ALL SUCH A NIGHTMARE. I'M CALLING THE POLICE-

OH-!
LOOK, CONNIE LOU-

THE GOOD MARK OF THE PHANTOM!
!

CONNIE LOU AND THE PHANTOM!
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE DESIGN ON MY RING?
YES — THE SAME AS MY NECKLACE!

DON'T BE AFRAID, IT'S MY WOLF. SIT, DEVIL.
WOLF — DEVIL — ? HOW — WHY ARE YOU HERE ?

BECAUSE YOU CALLED ME. MEN HAVE CALLED FOR THE PHANTOM IN MANY WAYS — NEVER BEFORE ON A TV NETWORK!

I CAME JUST IN TIME — YOU ARE IN TROUBLE! WHAT IS IT, CONNIE LOU?
ARE YOU REAL?

CONNIE LOU — FIRST TELL ME HOW YOU GOT THAT NECKLACE.
I'VE HAD IT EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL —

MY GRANDFATHER GAVE IT TO ME.
ALWAYS WEAR THIS FOR GOOD LUCK, CONNIE LOU.
WHERE DID YOU GET IT, GRAND-PA?

HE'D RESCUED A MASKED MAN IN THE JUNGLE.
THIS MARK WILL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. IF YOU NEED ME, CALL.

THAT WAS 60 YEARS AGO! THAT MASKED MAN COULDN'T BE YOU — OR?
MY GRANDFATHER.
TELL ME WHY YOU CALLED ME.

MY FIANCÉ — STACY — BELIEVES AN ANCIENT SPANISH TREASURE WAS BURIED IN THE OCEAN, OFF DEAD-MAN'S POINT. HE WENT THERE YESTERDAY.

STACY WENT DIVING FROM THAT BOAT. HE HASN'T COME BACK!
DAILY
STRANDED CHARTE BOAT MYSTERY
COAST GUARD SEARCH FOR MISSING CREW

HE LEFT THIS NOTE.
TALK & DARRY 8/9
Connie Lou,
Someone else knows about it — if I don't come back — look there. You know where.

NOW — THIS GANGSTER BROKE IN — ASKED ABOUT THE TREASURE!
I THINK THEY'VE MURDERED STACY!

WHO SENT YOU HERE? WHERE'S STACY?

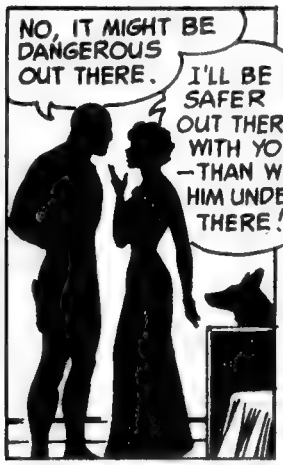
TALK, MAN!
PLEASE--

THIS MAN IS A KILLER! WASTE NO SYMPATHY. HOWEVER —I'LL SAVE HIM FOR LATER!

NOW, I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT DEADMAN'S POINT!

DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL THE POLICE AND TURN HIM IN?
NOT YET. KEEP HIM HERE UNTIL I RETURN.

I NEED TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE POLICE GET HIM.
I'M GOING WITH YOU.


NO, IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS OUT THERE.
I'LL BE SAFER OUT THERE WITH YOU —THAN WITH HIM UNDER THERE!

NO. STAY HERE, CONNIE LOU. DEVIL WILL GUARD YOU. ON GUARD, DEVIL!
!

YOU WANT ME TO STAY HERE WITH THAT GANGSTER KILLER AND YOUR WOLF?

DON'T BE AFRAID, CONNIE LOU. YOU ARE SAFE. DEVIL HAS KILLERS FOR BREAKFAST.
WHERE'S THAT MAP?

I THINK STACY WENT DIVING AT DEADMAN'S POINT—ABOUT HERE.
THANKS — NOW, DON'T BE AFRAID— TRUST DEVIL.

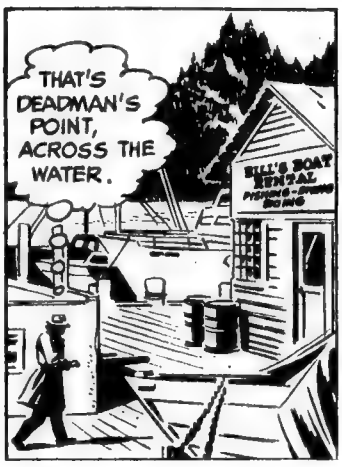
!

ONE SECOND HE'S HERE -- THE NEXT SECOND -- GONE! HE MOVES SO FAST--

--LEAVING ME WITH A KILLER--AND A WOLF CALLED DEVIL!

WHEN I WAS LITTLE, GRANDPA TOLD ME, "IF YOU EVER NEED HELP, CALL THE PHANTOM — HE'LL HEAR YOU."

I DID NEED HELP-- I DID CALL THE PHANTOM — HE HEARD ME!!!


THAT'S DEADMAN'S POINT, ACROSS THE WATER.
BILL'S BOAT RENTAL

I WANT A BOAT, SCUBA OUTFIT AND DRIVER.
YEAH? WHERE YOU PLANNING TO GO?

I'LL DECIDE THAT.
YEAH? DECIDE NOW! THERE ARE BAD PLACES OUT THERE. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE EQUIPMENT — AND CLIENTS!

NEAR DEADMAN'S POINT.
NO! THAT'S THE WORST PLACE! LAST YEAR, UH, FOUR GUYS WERE LOST —

YOU CAN'T TAKE MY EQUIPMENT TO DIVE OFF DEADMAN'S POINT! TOO DANGEROUS.
THAT'S MY LOOKOUT.

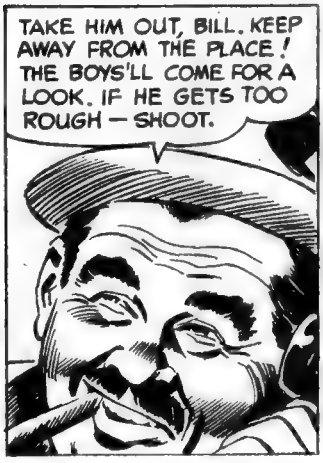
BUT MY EQUIPMENT. LAST YEAR, FIVE GUYS WERE LOST THERE — NOPE--
YOU SAID FOUR--I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES--

IT'S PRIVATE PROPERTY --I MEAN GOVERNMENT -- OFF-BOUNDS--
NONSENSE --IT'S A PUBLIC WATER-WAY--

"COLD VOICE OF ANGRY PHANTOM CAN FREEZE BLOOD"-- OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
NOT IN MY BOAT-- UH--
YOU'RE LICENSED TO RENT BOATS. RENT.

I WANT A BOAT, SCUBA OUTFIT AND DRIVER. NOW.
OKAY. LEMME CALL MY WIFE – TELL HER I'M GOING–

ROUGH GUY -- WANTS TO DIVE OFF YOU-KNOW- WHERE, BOSS.
NO, DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A COP. MORE LIKE A GENERAL--
GENERAL?


TAKE HIM OUT, BILL. KEEP AWAY FROM THE PLACE! THE BOYS'LL COME FOR A LOOK. IF HE GETS TOO ROUGH – SHOOT.

PAL TRYING TO FIND YOU, STACY? PAL WHO TALKS LIKE A GENERAL?
OR TRYING TO STEAL YOUR BURIED TREASURE? (HAR HAR)
!?

WHY ARE YOU STOPPING HERE?
UH – THIS IS WHERE YOU WANTED TO GO.

STRAIGHT AHEAD, ABOUT HALF A MILE. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN TO STOP.

THIS IS IT. STOP. THROW OUT YOUR ANCHOR.
?!

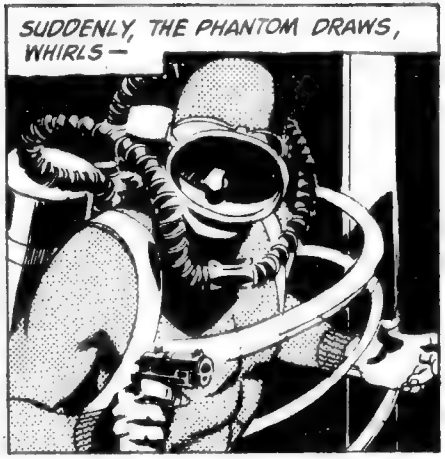
WHAT IS THE SECRET HERE?
THIS IS THE PLACE! HE MUST KNOW!

THERE THEY ARE --HEY– THEY'RE AT THE PLACE!
BILL WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

UH – WATER'S COLD. DON'T YOU WANT-A SCUBA SUIT?
DON'T NEED IT. HAVE ONE.

BOSS SAID --SHOOT IF I HAVE TO-- GUESS –I HAVE TO--
SCUBA SUIT?

BOSS SAID, "SHOOT IF YOU HAVE TO.' HAVE TO--


SUDDENLY, THE PHANTOM DRAWS, WHIRLS—

"PHANTOM MOVES FASTER THAN LIGHTNING FLASH"--OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
!

NEVER POINT GUNS AT PEOPLE. IT'S DANGEROUS!

GUNSHOT-- FROM BILL'S BOAT.
PING!
YEAH!
FALK & BARRY

BETTER MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT MAKING TROUBLE FOR ME UP HERE WHILE I'M DOWN THERE.
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REMIND ME TO WASH YOUR MOUTH OUT WITH SOAP WHEN I COME BACK!

NOW WE'LL TRY TO FIND WHAT'S SO SECRET — DOWN HERE.

CONNIE LOU'S FRIEND - STACY - HOPED TO FIND ANCIENT SPANISH TREASURE DOWN HERE--

HE OBVIOUSLY FOUND SOMETHING -- THE QUESTION IS -- WHAT?
SOMETHING OVER THERE--?

WHAT?
?!!

SKELETONS FROM THE ANCIENT SPANISH WRECK? NO-- MODERN SKELETONS!
NO WONDER SOMEONE'S ANXIOUS TO KEEP VISITORS AWAY!

THIS IS WHAT THE UNDERWORLD CALLS A "CONCRETE KIMONO"!

THIS IS A -- GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD!

STACY CAME HERE FOR ANCIENT TREASURE. INSTEAD -- HE FOUND THIS GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD!

WHY DOESN'T BILL COME BACK WITH THE BOAT?
HE DOESN'T ANSWER HIS RADIOPHONE!
LET'S GO!

THERE'S BILL!
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BILL--?
??

SHOT THE BLASTED GUN OUTA MY HAND! HE'S STILL DOWN THERE!
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GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD -- WHERE THEY DUMP THEIR VICTIMS!
HOW FITTING THAT THEY PUT IT AT DEADMAN'S POINT--!

THE PHANTOM EXPLORES THE GANGSTERS' SEA-BOTTOM "GRAVEYARD"
THE POLICE WILL BE HAPPY TO FIND THIS PLACE! IT WILL SOLVE A DOZEN MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES!

HIS GUNBELT. A SKULL ON IT! WHAT KIND OF GUY IS DOWN THERE?

WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN HE COMES UP!

WE'VE HIS GUNS. WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM.
BOSS WANTS HIM ALIVE, TO FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS.
IF HE SEES TWO BOATS UP HERE, HE MAY GET SUSPICIOUS. MANNY, TAKE OUR BOAT BACK.

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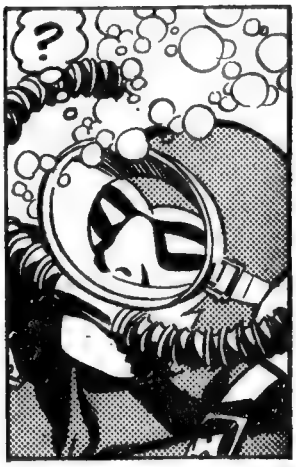
FALK & HARRY 8/29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HE'LL COME UP THIS SIDE BY THE LADDER. WHEN HE SHOWS-- STICK A GUN IN HIS FACE.

THERE WAS A SECOND BOAT. IT COULD BE A PASSER-BY-- OR PART OF THE GANG.

PART OF THE GANG.

THREE OF THEM NOW-- ARMED -- THEY HAVE MY GUNS-- MUST WAIT MY CHANCE--

WHERE IS THIS GUY? HE SHOULD BE COMING UP NOW.
RRRING!
YEAH, HE'S BEEN DOWN ALMOST AN HOUR--
RADIO-PHONE. BOSS!

BOSS - WE'RE STILL WAITING. THE GUY DIDN'T COME UP YET.
GO DOWN AND GET HIM!

WHY, BOSS? HE'S GOT TO COME UP!
IT'S TOO IMPORTANT TO WAIT! IF ANYONE SEES WHAT'S DOWN THERE -- WE'RE THROUGH, STUPID! GO!

BOSS SAYS WE'VE GOT TO GO DOWN AND GET THE GUY-- I CAN'T SWIM!
WE'LL FLIP FOR IT.

HEADS.
TAILS IT IS! YOU GO!

WHAT'LL I DO WHEN I FIND HIM?
BRING HIM UP, STUPID. TAKE THE SPEAR GUN-

--AND THIS KNIFE. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE, CUT HIS AIRLINE. THAT'LL TAKE THE FIGHT OUT OF HIM-- WHOEVER HE IS!

TAKE THE GUY ALIVE-- THE BOSS WANTS TO TALK TO HIM!
I KNOW.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE GUY LOOKS LIKE -- BUT I GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE DOWN THERE--ALIVE.

SEA BOTTOM -- IN THE "GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD" -- WHAT'S THE PHANTOM UP TO?
HAVE TO HURRY-- HERE HE COMES!

AS THE GANGSTERS WAIT ABOVE--
ANYTHING DOWN THERE, BILL?
NO, IT'S TOO DARK.

THERE'S THE GRAVEYARD-- HE MUST BE SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE.

UNSEEN, THE PHANTOM WAITS-- WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
THAT SIX-SIDED BOX LOOKS FAMILIAR!

A FUNNY-SHAPED BOX --SIX SIDES--LOOKS FAMILIAR--UH--THAT WAS SLUG!
I HELPED FIX THAT ONE --MYSELF!

SLUG!

AT THE SEA BOTTOM-- THE GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD.
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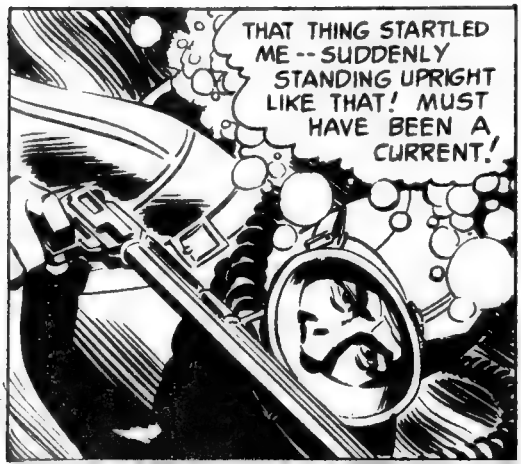
THAT THING STARTLED ME--SUDDENLY STANDING UPRIGHT LIKE THAT! MUST HAVE BEEN A CURRENT!

OUT OF MY MIND-- SHOOTING MY SPEAR AT THESE OLD BONES! EVEN IF IT WAS SLUG! I'LL NEED THIS SPEAR TO FIND--
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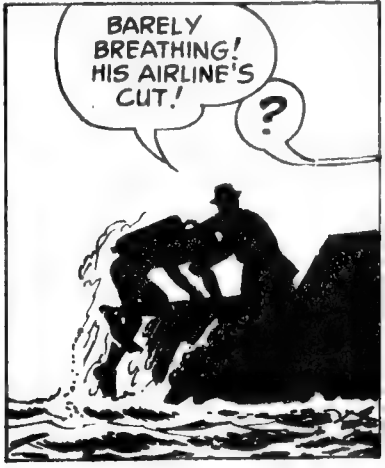
BOSS, SID WENT DOWN FOR THAT GUY A FEW MINUTES AGO! AS SOON AS HE COMES BACK UP--

HERE HE COMES NOW!


BARELY BREATHING! HIS AIRLINE'S CUT!
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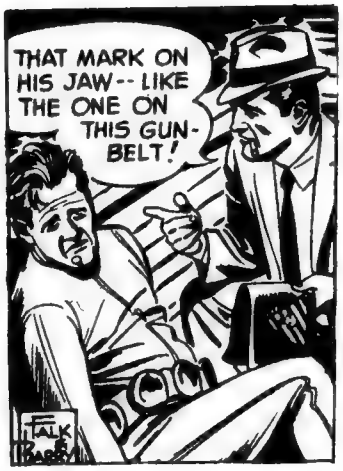
THAT MARK ON HIS JAW!


THAT MARK ON HIS JAW-- LIKE THE ONE ON THIS GUN-BELT!

BOSS, SOME JOKER IS DOWN THERE LEAVING SKULL MARKS! CAN WE CUT OUT?
--FIND HIM-- FINISH HIM!

ENOUGH OF THIS! NOW YOU TALK--YOU TREASURE-HUNTING CLOWN!
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O.K., STACY, OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS, WHO'S YOUR BUDDY OUT THERE MAKING SKULL MARKS?
I'VE GOT NO BUDDY OUT THERE.

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT THIS TREASURE--
STOP THAT PHONY TALK! THERE'S NO TREASURE AT DEADMAN'S POINT--

--IT'S WHERE WE DUMP GUYS WHO GET IN OUR WAY--LIKE YOU!
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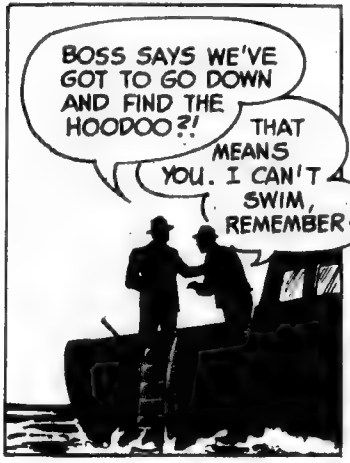
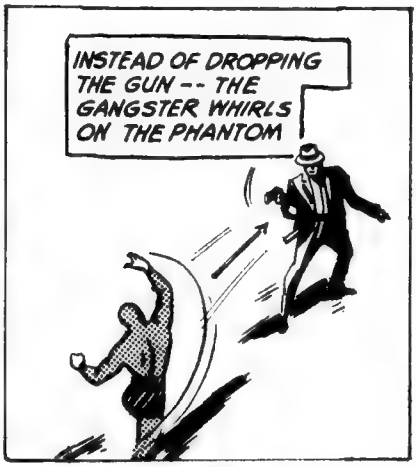
BOSS SAYS WE'VE GOT TO STAY HERE--GO DOWN AND FIND THE HOODOO!

HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT, BILL?


BOSS SAYS WE'VE GOT TO GO DOWN AND FIND THE HOODOO?!
THAT MEANS YOU. I CAN'T SWIM, REMEMBER?

YOU PULLED THAT ONCE BEFORE. NOT AGAIN! THIS TIME YOU'RE GOING DOWN!
HONEST--I CAN'T SWIM--

DROP THAT GUN!
DON'T FIGHT, BOYS! NEITHER OF YOU HAVE TO GO DOWN THERE-- BECAUSE I'M HERE!


INSTEAD OF DROPPING THE GUN -- THE GANGSTER WHIRLS ON THE PHANTOM

ALWAYS A MISTAKE--TO IGNORE A PHANTOM ORDER!
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A SPLIT SECOND LATER, HE IS ON THEM!
GET HIM, BILL--UH--
?!

YOU'RE NO COP. WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE'S STACY, THE TREASURE HUNTER?
WE DON'T KNOW.

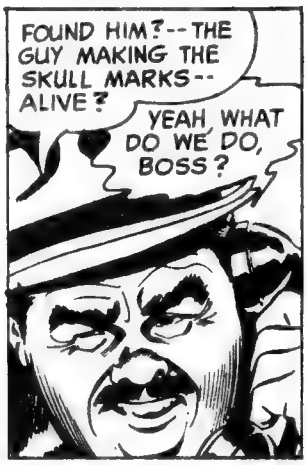
DON'T LIE!

STACY, FOR THE LAST TIME, WHO'S YOUR PAL AT DEADMAN'S POINT?
HONEST-- I WAS ALONE! I'M NOT A COP I'M A TREASURE HUNTER.

YOU'RE TOO NOSY-- YOU'VE SEEN TOO MUCH! YOU'RE GOING BACK TO DEADMAN'S POINT-- IN A BARREL!
!

NOBODY'S SEARCHING FOR ME!
THAT'S YOUR STORY! GET THAT BARREL OF CEMENT READY! WE'RE GOING TO DUMP THIS GUY!
RRING

BOSS, IT'S BILL FROM THE BOAT! THEY FOUND THE GUY!


FOUND HIM?--THE GUY MAKING THE SKULL MARKS-- ALIVE?
YEAH, WHAT DO WE DO, BOSS?

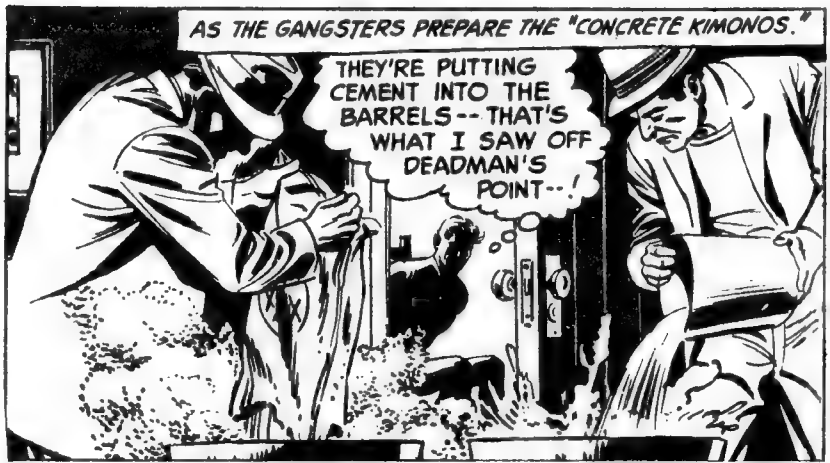
BRING HIM HERE, BILL.
O.K., BOSS.

POLICE--GET THIS. SEND DIVERS ABOUT 1,000 YARDS DUE EAST OF DEADMAN'S POINT--THE GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD! THAT'S RIGHT!
WAIT A MINUTE--

WHO IS THIS? WHA--?
?
CLICK!

THE BOYS FOUND YOUR PAL AT DEADMAN'S POINT, STACY. THEY'RE BRINGING HIM HERE.
MY PAL? WHO CAN THAT BE?

FIX TWO BARRELS, PETE.
RIGHT, BOSS.


AS THE GANGSTERS PREPARE THE "CONCRETE KIMONOS."
THEY'RE PUTTING CEMENT INTO THE BARRELS--THAT'S WHAT I SAW OFF DEADMAN'S POINT--!

ONE FOR YOU AND ONE FOR YOUR PAL, STACY. GET THE PICTURE?
FOR THE LAST TIME, I'VE GOT NO PAL!

YES, YOU HAVE, STACY, AND HE'S CLOSE!

"GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD, 1000 YARDS DUE EAST DEADMAN'S POINT." WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
BY PHONE, CAPTAIN.

OH--SOME NUT PHONED IT IN? DIDN'T GIVE HIS NAME, OF COURSE.
NO, BUT HE SOUNDED SINCERE.

CRANKS ALWAYS DO-IF WE FOLLOWED EVERY CRAZY CALL, WE WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO GIVE OUT A PARKING TICKET.

THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ME--BURY ME IN THAT CEMENT BARREL AT DEADMAN'S POINT!
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BOSS, THIS CEMENT IS GETTING HARD. WHEN DO WE PUT THE GUY IN?
WHEN BILL AND BUD BRING BACK HIS PAL—SO WE CAN DO THEM BOTH TOGETHER.
WHO IS--"MY PAL?"

ADD A LITTLE WATER. BILL CALLED FROM THE BOAT TWO HOURS AGO. SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW WITH THAT GUY.

BILL AND BUD ARE ON THEIR WAY-- WITH "THE GUY."

NO! I'M A TREASURE HUNTER--I WON'T TELL ANYBODY—ABOUT THAT PLACE!
THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY—

--WHEN IT'S TIME TO PUT ON THE CEMENT KIMONO!
THIS IS IT!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE UP THERE?
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING'S DRAGGING--ON THE FLOOR!
FALK & BARRY 9/20
THE SOUND STOPPED.
THERE'S NOTHING. MAYBE THE WIND.
LET'S GET ON WITH THIS.
NOT THE WIND, KILLERS. YOU'RE WAITING FOR YOUR BILL AND BUD?
HERE THEY ARE!
CRASH!
CRASH!
BILL AND BUD!
LOOK, BOSS, ON THEIR JAWS!
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"THE PHANTOM IS ROUGH WITH ROUGHNECKS"--OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
ON THE JAWS OF THE FALLEN THUGS--THE MARK OF THE PHANTOM!
YOU GUYS--GO UP ON THE ROOF--SEE WHO DID THIS!
NOT ME!
NOT ME!

YOU YELLOW--- I'LL GO MYSELF!

!?!
NOT NECESSARY. NO ONE IS ON THE ROOF NOW.

WHO-- IS IT?
SHOOT-- ASK LATER!

BEFORE THEY CAN PULL THE TRIGGERS-- THREE PHANTOM BULLETS BLEND ALMOST INTO ONE SHOT!

THAT'S THAT. GET ON THE FLOOR, ALL OF YOU, OR I'LL DROP YOU THERE!
?!
WOW, WHAT SHOOTING!

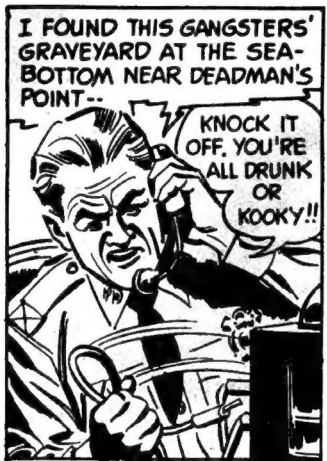
I'M THE "PAL" THEY TALKED ABOUT-- YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ME BEFORE, STACY.
WHO ARE THEY?

A LONG STORY. YOUR STORY'S SHORTER. YOU WENT DIVING FOR OLD SPANISH TREASURE. INSTEAD--

--FOUND A MODERN GANGSTER DUMPING GROUND FOR MURDER VICTIMS. CORRECT, BOSS?
*@#m.!!

I CALLED EARLIER. HAVE YOU SENT A POLICE BOAT TO DEADMAN'S POINT?
KOOK, STOP BOTHERING US!

THE POLICE DON'T BELIEVE ME. YOU TRY.
I'M STACY, THE DIVER YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.


I FOUND THIS GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD AT THE SEA-BOTTOM NEAR DEADMAN'S POINT--
KNOCK IT OFF. YOU'RE ALL DRUNK OR KOOKY!!

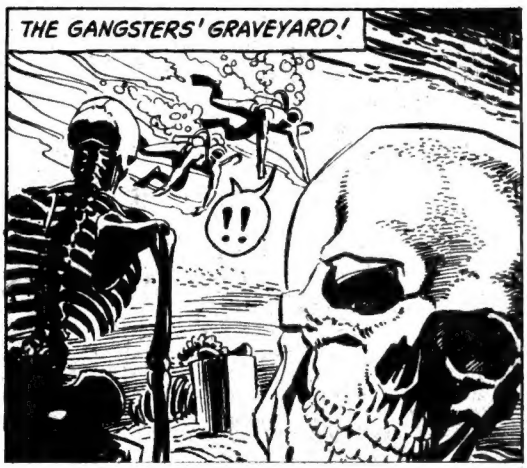
THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME.
WE'LL CONVINCE THEM.
UP, YOU THUGS. PICK UP YOUR BUDDIES. WE'RE MOVING!
??

WHAT'S THAT DUMP TRUCK DOING DOWN THERE HONKING AT THIS HOUR OF THE NIGHT?
HONK
HONK
HONK

?!

BOSSMAN AND HIS HOODLUMS! WHAT'S THAT ON HIS HEAD?
GO TO DEADMAN'S POINT. WE DID IT!

THIS IS THE PLACE.
GO AHEAD, BOYS.
POLICE


THE GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD!
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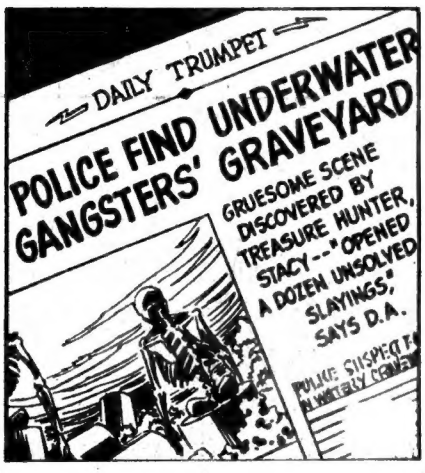
I THOUGHT THOSE SKELETONS WERE PART OF THE OLD SPANISH WRECK.
OH, STACY --YOU CAME SO CLOSE--TO BEING DOWN THERE!

I STILL THINK THERE'S SPANISH TREASURE THERE, CONNIE LOU!
OH, STACY, WON'T YOU EVER GIVE UP--AND GO TO WORK?


DAILY TRUMPET
POLICE FIND UNDERWATER GANGSTERS' GRAVEYARD
GRUESOME SCENE DISCOVERED BY TREASURE HUNTER, STACY--"OPENED A DOZEN UNSOLVED SLAYINGS," SAYS D.A.

CONNIE LOU--WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN?
STACY--ARE YOU JEALOUS? REMEMBER THIS NECKLACE GRANDPA GAVE ME?

WHEN I WAS LITTLE--GRANDPA SAID, "IF YOU EVER NEED HELP, CALL THE PHANTOM!"
--I CALLED--

AND HE DID COME--OUT OF NOWHERE!
BUT WHO IS HE?